(iii) National Horticulture Board Scheme.

(iv) Agri-clinic scheme.

(v) Quality control arrangements on seeds.

KVKs in Uttaranchal

†576. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of districts of Uttaranchal where Krishi Vigyan Kendras have not been set up so far;

(b) whether the Krishi Vigyan Kendras have been planned to be set up in the said districts during the financial years 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

(c) if so, the year-wise details of the places where these centres are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) There are 10 districts of Uttaranchal where Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) have not been set up so far. These are: Almora, Bageshwar, Chamoli, Dehradun, Haridwar, Pauri Garhwal, Pithoragarh, Rudra Prayag, Udhamsingh Nagar and Uttarkashi.

(b) and (c) The KVKs for the above districts are yet to be considered. The location of the KVK is decided on the basis of availability of adequate land and other infrastructural facilities for the purpose.

Central schemes in Maharashtra

577. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Centrally sponsored schemes formulated and implemented in Maharashtra during the current financial year for increasing the agriculture production; and

(b) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for greater rural infrastructure investment and enhanced assistance to

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resource poor small-time farmers to enable them to face the challenges of comparative advantage in world trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) A list of Centrally Sponsored Schemes under implementation by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in Maharashtra for increasing the agricultural production and productivity is as follows:-

i. Macro Management Scheme

ii. Technology Mission on Cotton

iii. Oilseed Production Programme (OPP)

iv. National Pulses Development Project (NPDP)

v. Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP)

(b) The Tenth Five Year Plan approved by National Development Council has given major thrust on basic rural infrastructure for agriculture which *inter-alia* include creation and strengthening of storage/cold storage infrastructure, construction of rural godowns, strengthening of marketing, processing and value addition infrastructure, development of minor irrigation, rainwater harvesting and conservation for the development of rainfed areas through watershed approach. The Government is implementing Kisan Credit Card Scheme, National Agricultural Insurance Scheme, Minimum Support Price Scheme and market Intervention Scheme for protecting the interest of all categories of farmers including small and marginal farmers.

Potato Research Centres

578. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Potato Research Centres established in the country;

(b) the details of major production centres of potato;

(c) the steps taken to improve the seed of potato; and

(d) the action taken to check deterioration in various varieties of potato?